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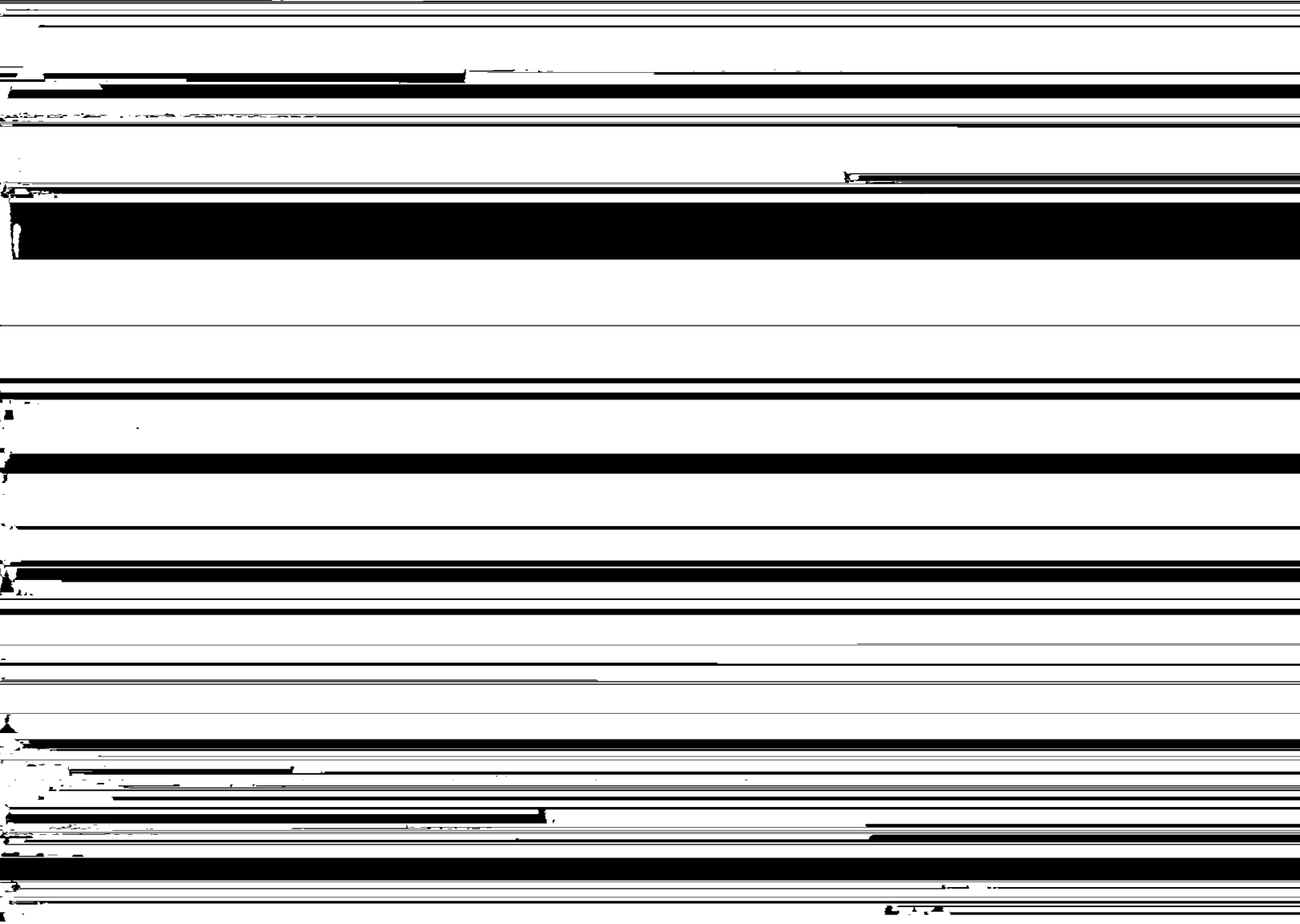
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Honorable Bill Hefner
House of Representatives
2470 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hefner:

This is in reply to your letter of February 22, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.



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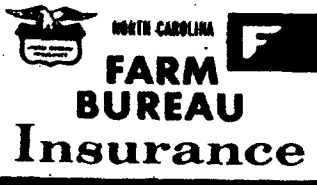
REMARKS: Respond to the attention of Ellen Young.



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The Honorable Bill Hefner
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Representative Hefner,

I have been an enthusiastic model aircraft builder and operator for many years. I am a current pilot and have logged over 1000 hours flying. I also belong to the Experimental Aircraft Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. We devote hours of our time introducing our younger generation to flying, as well as the aerodynamic of building.

I am concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will cause interference to radio control operations.

We go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators, bystanders, and property. Many precautions are taken to coordinate frequencies we use now. If the FCC diminishes

January 31, 1993

The Honorable Bill Hefner
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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FEB 22 1993

Congressman W.G. Rorer
Washington, D.C.

Re: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Hefner:

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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point. They are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contest where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as businessusers of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



P.S. I can't afford to replace these radios and will be forced to create a serious safety problem by using them.



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The Honorable W.G. Hefner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 10, 1993

Dear Bill:

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

I took up this hobby about three years ago. I derive many hours of enjoyment and mental relaxation from constructing and flying radio controlled model airplanes.

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The Honorable W.G. Hefner

February 10, 1993

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Please understand that the model airplanes that my club members and I build have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 20 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

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Please help me continue the safe-environment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to

Dear Representative Helmer

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in my local club "THE YARD BIRDS", whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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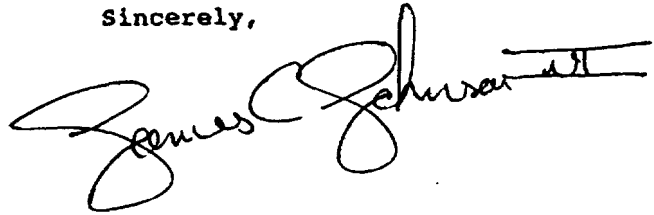
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hour of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and
contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial
aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not
allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Schuster". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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Congressman W.G. Wicker
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable W.G. Wicker

I am living in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes.

I am concerned about proposed rules under consideration by the FCC (PR docket 92-235). If adopted, the new rules would greatly increase the risk of accidents encountered in my hobby.

The FCC wants to move frequencies closer to the ones used by radio control models, thus increasing the risk of interference. Model airplanes typically

The Honorable

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Dear Mr./Ms. [Name] (if to Representative):

Dear Senator [Name] (if to Senator):

Congressman W.G. Ricker
Washington, D.C.

[Begin with a description of the writer's interest. E.g., "I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes." Or, "I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own 5 radios, 5 R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models."]

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of

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Congressman W.G. Heafner
Washington, D.C.

Jimmie D. Cox
24621-B Barbees Grove Rd.
Oakboro NC 28129

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Dear Congressman Bill Heafner,

I am very concerned about the proposed rules are currently under consideration by Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The proceeding is the PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for Model Airplane use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant for controlling model airplanes.

I have been intrested in model aviation for many years and have built many planes, and I am still building. I also have alot of money invested in all the equipment and accessories, and am active in a Radio Control Airplane Club.

Now the FCC wants to creat more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the plan as aresult, many land mobile frequencies will move more closer to the radio frequencies and will cause interferences to Radio Control frequencies.

I am told we have 50 frequencies that are presently availably for radio control model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if the new rules are adoped.

We fly our airplanes with great safty by radio control, but if the FCC rules go through the safty will be greatly reduced for the operators and bystanders.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of the land mobile radio users at the expense of Radio Control Modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as busines users of radios. But we have a lot of money invested in our models and equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people including myself.

Please help me save the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Jimmie Dale Cox
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